

in this land of comparative light. This Report contains proof that there is still among ourselves much need for exertion, zeal, and liberality. While we are admiring the wondrous success of the Bible cause in the abodes of refined Infidelity, and of Barbarism and Idolatry, let us remember that the inhabitants of lands professing Christianity, have no other warrant of eternal life, no other guide to it, than the most debased and ignorant of the sons of Adam."

THE BLESSING OF GOD ON THE  
PERUSAL OF HIS WORD.

NO. I.

*To the Editor of the Bible Advocate.*

SIR,—If you consider the following brief statement in accordance with the design of your paper, it is at your service. You may rest assured of its entire truth.

A few years since, an individual emigrated to this city, thoroughly sceptical as to the reality of experimental religion, and the truth of the Bible. His feelings and conduct were in unison with such scepticism.

Having been induced to attend for a few times the ministrations of an evangelical pastor of the city, he was led to occasional serious reflections. Conscience, which for years had slumbered, began to awake, and remind him of sins which even the light of nature, and the God of the deist, condemned. For a considerable time these troublesome thoughts harassed his mind. At length he one day fell into the following train of reflections.

'That there is a God, I know. If there is a God, he must have some will. Where can I find the communication of that will? If anywhere, I am sure it must be in the Bible. If I follow that, I cannot be far astray. *I will read the Bible.* I will receive whatever it declares.'

He commenced: read day and

night, when released from his business. But he had not proceeded far, when the Divine author of the Bible opened his eyes, convinced him of sin, and led him to the Saviour. The Bible was his teacher and guide. The Bible was the means of his conversion.

This individual has since maintained the character of a consistent Christian. Through eternity, he will bless that Being who inclined him to read the Bible.

TESTIMONIES TO THE EXCELLEN-  
CIES OF THE SCRIPTURES.

By producing these we do not mean that the word of God *needs* any support from the testimony of men; nor do we entertain so foolish a thought as to suppose that it can acquire any additional *authority* from such testimony. But, as certain vain and superficial young men contemptuously reject the Bible, without understanding it, or deigning to examine it, their presumption may possibly receive a check, from perceiving, that men of the finest intellect and most profound research, have deemed the Bible true, felt it to be important, found solace in its principles, and sought eternal happiness in the way which it prescribes.

SIR WILLIAM JONES.—The late Sir William Jones, whose interesting writings on oriental subjects have elucidated many obscure points in scripture history, was a general scholar, and embellished and adorned every subject that passed under his elegant pen. In the blank leaf of his Bible the following finely conceived description was found written:—"I have regularly and attentively perused these holy scriptures, and am of opinion, that this volume, independently of its Divine origin, contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, than can be collected